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In re application of :
Edward I. Sun et al. : Group Art Unit: 1771
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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This letter is in response to the Official Action mailed from the Patent Office on January 30, 2002. In the Communication, claims 56-69 were rejected, and a shortened statutory period for responding to the Communication was set to expire in three months. Accompanying this reply is a Petition (and fee) for an extension of the deadline for responding to the Official Action for two months, thus extending the deadline until June 30, 2002. Accordingly, upon the granting of the Petition, this reply is timely filed.

Please amend the application as follows.

The Abstract:

Please replace the Abstract of the Disclosure on pages 41 and 42 with the following rewritten Abstract.

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